## WHITE-TAILED DEER, Wildlife of Florida Factsheets

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... increases. In the 1700s, unregulated deer hide trade and a deer-removal campaign caused historic populations to be reduced to 20,000. After the Pittman- Robertson Act (1937) and eradication of screw worm, deer populations increased. Reintroduction of white-tailed deer by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) also has helped increase deer populations. By 1985, 100,000 individuals were recorded, and today an estimated stable population of 700,000 exists in Florida. [estimate for 2014]

1930 to 1940 Deer removal campaign to eradicate cattle- fever tick reduced deer population to 20,000

1985 population 100,000

2014 population 700,000

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